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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GAO QUERY ON POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: STATE 194555

1. EMBASSY IS PREPARING RESPONSE (PER
INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL) TO GAO QUESTIONS
ON POLITICAL PRISONER ISSUE.

2. WE FULLY UNDERSTAND NEED BE RESPONSIVE TO
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.
AT SAME TIME, WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT HAS BASIS FOR
LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT OVER MANNER IN WHICH GAO
APPROACHED THIS EMBASSY ON ISSUE.

3. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, GAO TEAM RECEIVED
INSTURCTIONS ON POLITICAL PRISONER ISSUE
FROM REGIONAL OFFICE BANGKOK ON AUGUST 30,
ON WEEK AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL HERE AND ABOUT ONE WEEK
BEFORE THEIR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE. WE SUBSE-
QUENTLY LEARNED FROM TEAM THAT THEY EXPECTED
ALL ALONG THAT PRISONER ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED
AND THERE WERE SUGGESTIONS THAT LATE INSTRUCTION
WAS PLANNED JUST THAT WAY.
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4. WE SEE NO REASON WHY GAO NEEDS APPROACH SUCH ISSUE IN ANY WAY OTHER THAN NORMAL APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT. ELMER STAATS IS REASONABLE MAN AND WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN DEPARTMENT MENTION INCIDENT AND MAKE POINT OF OUR WILLINGNESS COMPLY WITH SUCH REQUESTS BUT STRESSING OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES AT SAME TIME OF PROCEEDING THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS AND PROVIDING AMPLE TIME FOR CONSIDERATION SENSITIVE ASPECTS ISSUE OF THIS KIND.
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